

First National Bank Issues Check Fraud Alert

In the last week several consumers have called The First National Bank reporting that someone is calling and representing themselves as an employee of the Bank and requesting that they verify their routing and account number.

Please be aware that the Bank already has your account information. This is a scam. Do not give this information to the caller.

Checking account fraud is one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation, according to law enforcement officials.

The Federal Reserve estimates that losses resulting from this crime will hit \$10 billion this year.

New technology is a prime reason for the rapid growth of this crime.

Inexpensive computer programs, scanners and improved printers and copying technology make it easier than ever for thieves to set up a fraudulent

check sting. Your bank has initiated training programs and other safeguards to help prevent and detect check fraud.

But as is often the case, one of the first lines of defense against fraud is you — the consumer. In addition to check fraud, also be aware that counterfeit postal money orders and business checks are in circulation.

Counterfeit bank checks, cashier's checks, money orders and business checks are included with correspondence that describes an artificial purpose and instructs the recipient to cash the check and send a portion of the funds via wire transfer to a third party.

Scams that make use of counterfeit checks typically involve bogus lotteries, sweepstakes or contests and overpayment for merchandise purchased — often over the internet.

A Check Fraud Checklist

1. Never respond to unsolicited request for your checking account, social security or other financial information.
2. Safeguard checks at home and on your person; never leave them in your care or work-place.
3. Shred unused checks before disposal, even if they are from a closed account.
4. Destroy convenience checks, such as those that allow cash advances on credit cards, before discarding.
5. Never have your social security or driver's license number preprinted on your checks.
6. When mailing checks use heavy envelope or wrap checks in paper to conceal them from view.
7. Notify your bank and postal authorities if newly ordered checks or routine bank statements don't arrive in a timely manner.

8. Know how many checks you ordered; verify you order and the accuracy of the information on your checks.
9. Immediately notify your community bank and file a police report if personal checks or any checks payable to you, are stolen and close compromised accounts.
10. Check your balance frequently and promptly review and reconcile checking account statement for accuracy and fraud.
11. Consider shopping elsewhere if the merchant requires your social security number to make a purchase.

Additional information about check fraud is available from the:
 -National Check Fraud Center at www.ckfraud.org or 843-571-2143
 -Office of the Comptroller of the currency at www.occ.treas.gov.

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Anastasia Rose Lundquist graduated from the University of Texas in Austin on May 18, at 6 p.m. in Gregory Gymnasium. She received a BBA and MPA from the prestigious Professional Program of Accounting in the Red McCombs School of Business. Anastasia earned University Honors and was an officer in Beta Alpha Psi. She was a freshman peer mentor, a member of the University Accounting Association and a participant in the 2006 PPA Paris study abroad program. In September, she will join PricewaterhouseCoopers in Houston as an auditor. Anastasia is the granddaughter of Olga Lundquist, at right, of Rock Island and the niece of Keith Lundquist of Austin.

May Egg Production Up For Year

May 2007 egg production in Texas totaled 418 million eggs, up slightly from May 2006 and up one percent from April 2007, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during May averaged 18.5 million, up one percent from last year but down one percent from April 2007.

Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,260 eggs, down from last year's 2,265 eggs but up three percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.4 million, up two percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.58 billion eggs during May 2007, down one percent from a year ago.

Production included 6.45 billion table eggs, 1.07 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 68 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 341 million during May 2007, down one percent from a year ago.

Production per 100 layers was 2,226 eggs, up one percent from May 2006.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 38.5 million, down three percent from May 2006.

The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 837 million, was up three percent from May of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.75 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2007, up three percent from May 2006.

Cattle On Feed Down Slightly

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.87 million head on June 1, down three percent from a year ago.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up seven percent from the April 1 level.

Producers placed 710,000 head in commercial feedlots during May, up 20 percent from a year ago, and up 87 percent from the April 2007 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 510,000 head during May, down two percent from last year but up four percent from last month.

On June 1, there were 2.45 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 85 percent of the state's total.

The number on feed across the area was down two percent from last year but up eight percent from the May total.

May placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 621,000 head, up 90 percent from the April total.

Marketings were up two percent from last month to 430,000 head.

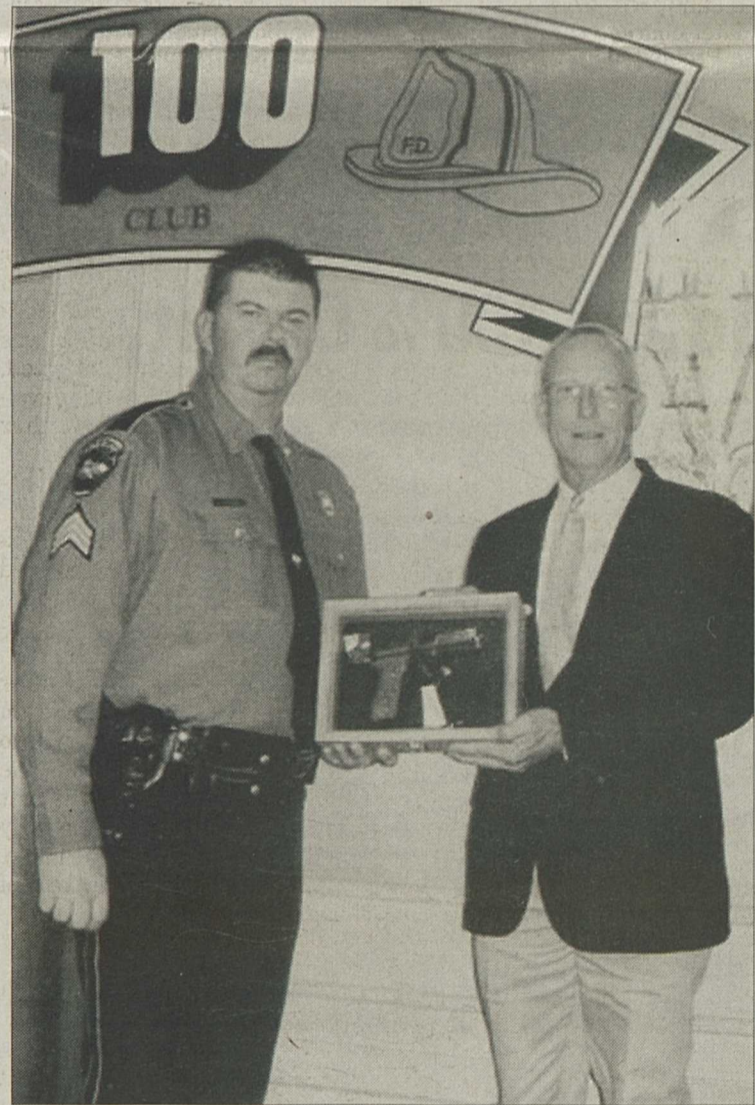
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.3 million head on June 1.

This inventory was one percent above June 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.16 million head, 13 percent above May 2006.

May placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 420,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 374,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 645,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 720,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.09 million head, three percent below 2006.



Pictured above is Sgt. Edman displaying his award with Colorado County Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied.

Edman Named Officer Of Year By Houston 100 Club

The 100 Club of Houston held its 53rd Annual Awards Program May 10 at The Westin Galleria, honoring peace officers and firefighters in the eighteen county area.

Sgt. M.R. "Skip" Edman was honored as Officer of the Year as a representative of the Colorado County Sheriff's Office.

Sgt. Edman is credited with his response to a suicidal man wanting to take his life. Sgt. Edman engaged in dialogue with the man, who was armed with a shotgun.

After a 45 minute standoff the man was eventually taken into custody without incident.

As a recipient of the award Sgt. Edman was presented with a Sig-Sauer Model 229, semi-automatic Commemorative Pistol and a etched jaded glass award with the 100 Club logo to celebrate the occasion.

Sgt. Edman is a twelve year veteran of the Colorado Sheriff's Office and assigned to the Patrol Division.

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